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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 U.S.C. §132 and 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004. That Office Action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. With an extension of time of one month, which extension of time being hereby requested, the RCE and this amendment are timely filed.

Please consider the following remarks and amendments when examining the present application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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